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In re application of: M. CHIBA

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

_____ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

_____ A Request for Extension of Time.

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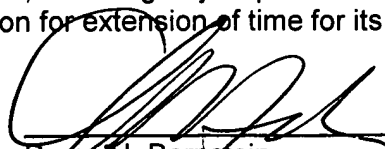
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 16, 2006, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, ending May 16, 2006. Inasmuch as this paper is filed on May 16, 2006, this Response is timely filed and no fee is required. However, if any extension of time and/or any additional fee is required for consideration of this Response, including any fee required for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.